

# Message from the Honorary President



Dear friends,

As the Honorary President of the DMWC International Charity Bazaar 2012 I am happy to announce that building on the successful celebration of the previous year, Dobrodojde Macedonia Welcome Centre (DMWC) will celebrate the International Children's Day for the second year in a row. This year it will be celebrated together with the international community in the form of a charity bazaar that will at the same time be the first international charity bazaar organized in the Republic of Macedonia. This humanitarian event with multicultural and multiethnic character will be organised in cooperation with the diplomatic and consular representations in Skopje, EU Delegation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia and the Municipality of Skopje Centre.

The DMWC International Charity Bazaar 2012 will take place on Saturday, 9 June from 10:30 to 16:00, in front of the Army Hall and behind the Memorial House of Mother Theresa. As part of the programme, we will have several performances and art workshops by children and volunteers from various schools: NOVA, QSI, American School, Macedonian children's orchestra MKUD "Cvetan Dimov", Piano FORTE band, Bratstvo school, Sumnal Roma Center, "St. Kiril and Metodije"-Kuceviste and many others.

It will be a good occasion to go out with your children and join us, knowing that besides having fun and spending quality time with your family, you will also be helping other families and their children, since all the collected funds will be donated to a project for children with special needs

at "Idnina" Special Elementary School in Skopje to improve their facilities. We have selected this project in order to give these children better developmental and educational opportunities, thus, on the one hand, helping to realize their equal rights to development and education and, on the other hand, encouraging humanity in the society and promoting awareness of the responsibility to protect and help the children that need our help.

In the afternoon there will be a lottery draw with many interesting prizes, including a bicycle, mobile phones, bank vouchers, wine and other prizes donated by Macedonian and international companies that work on the Macedonian market. We really hope you will join us and enjoy the diverse cultural programme specially created for you with the outstanding efforts of the international and Macedonian children and take an active part in the games and the lottery, and do some shopping at the national stands. All the money from your purchases will go directly to the fund for children with special needs in Macedonia.

On 31 May at 7 p.m. everybody is welcome to the Art Exhibition and Sale of works by famous Macedonian artists who had donated their paintings to the bazaar through the "Bukefal" Gallery from Ohrid that will take place in the Gallery of the NLB Tutunska banka at 1, Vodnjanska. Paintings from the Children's Art Workshop conducted by Žaneta Gelevska Veljanoska will be exhibited and sold there as well.

Interacting with children and their parents from many different countries, you will have a unique possibility to experience valuable creative moments and to support a good cause. We're striving to make the world a better place for our children, so why not spend some time and make the world better for those children who may not have the same opportunities? For us it may be a small step, but for these children it will mean a lot. I do hope our first DMWC

International Charity Bazaar will become a tradition so that the Macedonian capital Skopje will join other world capitals that host similar events.

Finally, I salute Dobredojde Macedonia Welcome Centre for organizing the first DMWC International Charity Bazaar 2012 in the Republic of Macedonia and thank all the embassies which decided to participate in this humanitarian event, as well the Municipality of Skopje Centre and all the Macedonian and international companies and all the volunteers for their support and donations.

Mahatma Gandhi said: "Be the change you want to see in the world". International Children's Day is a perfect opportunity for making this change. The children are our future, so help them! I do believe that with joined forces we will succeed in helping the children with special needs as well as their parents and show them that there is a brighter and better future.

So, let's participate in the DMWC International Charity Bazaar 2012 and enjoy this important day together.

See you on 9 June!

Alain Brian Bergant  
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Honorary President  
of the Charity Bazaar Committee

